

Park Avenue Synagogue ק"ק אגודת ישראל

April Bulletin



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From the Rabbi's Desk

On any number of occasions, the ideal vision for a society that is enshrined in the Torah's laws has/had practical consequences that were untenable.

• If Jews are not allowed to charge interest, then those who have the financial resources will have no incentive to grant loans, and those in desperate need of the capital will be denied access to the money that they require.



• If all loans are canceled in the Jubilee (50th) year, and real property also reverts to its original tribal owners, who would be foolish enough to lend money for a period that extends past the 50th year, or to buy any land?

"Im ayn ke'mach, ayn Torah" "If there is no flour (sustenance), there is no Torah" (Ethics of the Fathers. Chapter 3, Mishnah 21).

This rabbinic adage reflects an understanding that both common sense and an acknowledgement of practical (economic) issues had to go hand-in-hand with the observance of Torah.

To that end, the rabbis permitted an up-front monetary incentive to encourage loans (not interest, but something akin to points on a mortgage), and Hillel promulgated his *proshbul*, in which loans were transferred from the individual to the court prior to the Jubilee year so that the loans would remain in effect.

The Biblical prohibition on having any *hametz* products or utensils in one's possession during Passover created similar difficulties. Can you imagine not just clearing out all your food-stuffs, but permanently divesting yourself of your cutlery and your good china?? As we all know, we fulfill the Biblical command of ridding ourselves of *hametz*, and still manage to retain our *hametz* at the conclusion of the holiday, by "selling" it.

Exactly how does this work? And why does it cost us to sell our *hametz*?

I know that at first blush many of you may react negatively and dismiss the intricacies of this sale as nothing but subterfuge. But I would

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES APRIL 2005	
Friday evening, April 1	
Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Saturday morning, April 2	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Annual Shabbat Morning Music Service	9:00 am
Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Marlin, daughter of Howard & Margo Marlin	
Friday evening, April 8	
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:15 pm
Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Saturday morning, April 9	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Seminary Shabbat Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Bat Mitzvah of Sara Danielle Muchnick, daughter of Susan Schwartz & Howard Muchnick J.T.S. Chancellor Ismar Schorsch, speaker	
Friday evening, April 15	
Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Children's April Birthday Service Men's Club Shabbat Dinner, Hillel President Avraham Infeld, speaker*	
Saturday morning, April 16	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Powers, son of Sherri & Marc Powers	
Havurah Service	9:30 am
Friday, April 22	
Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Saturday, April 23	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Minha	7:45 pm
Congregational First Seder*	8:30 pm
Conducted by Cantor David Lefkowitz, accompanied by Neil Robinson	
Sunday, April 24—First Day of Passover	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Morning Service	9:15 am
Minha	7:45 pm
Congregational Second Seder*	8:30 pm
Conducted by Rabbi David H. Lincoln	
Monday, April 25—Second Day of Passover	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Morning Service	9:15 am
Friday, April 29—Hol Hamoed Pesach	
Morning Service	7:00 am
Friday Evening Service	6:15 pm
Saturday, April 30—Seventh Day of Passover	
Hashkama Service	7:30 am
Food Pantry Shabbat Sanctuary Service	9:15 am
Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ. *Reservations required	

ask you, "How different is this transaction from purchasing a house by taking out a mortgage where, for a fraction of the purchase price, you become the legal owner and have full access to

the property, as long as you abide by the terms of the agreement?

We sign an agreement authorizing someone to act as our agent to sell our *hametz* foodstuffs

From the Chairman

The winter has been very exciting here at Park Avenue. We have celebrated our community and raised funds for our Synagogue with the wonderful gala held on



February 26 honoring Marcia and Geoffrey Colvin. Again, thank you to Susan Edelstein,

Nancy Hirschtitt and their committee for giving us a most memorable evening. We have also begun our exploration of the "spark within us" with events for all arms of the Synagogue, in the schools and in our curriculum throughout the building.

We are continuing to work hard to strengthen our Synagogue

community. Men's Club, Sisterhood, WEG, and the Young Couples' Group have each volunteered for a number of following Services at the Kiddush. We are trying to make all of our congregants feel welcome here. There are also plans for a singles event geared to our 35-55 year-old congregants, and for a series of "career nights" for the 22-30-year-old constituency, where a number of congregants have agreed to host our younger members at their offices to expose them to their areas of expertise.

All of the efforts here at the Synagogue are designed to make Park Avenue Synagogue relevant to you in your daily life. The clergy, the staff, and the Board with its working committees, are devoted to this cause above all others. As always, I encourage you to share your views and suggestions. I wish you all a happy and meaningful *Pesach*.

Amy A.B. Bressman
Chairman

(except for those things made from grain like cereal or pasta, which must be disposed of) and all of our *hametz* utensils as part of a larger pool. We are then obligated to close off the cabinets containing these items because they will no longer belong to us once the sale is effected. A gift of \$___ is made to the individual who will buy the community's *hametz* (that's where *part* of the money we "pay" to sell our *hametz* goes). For a deposit of the exact same \$___, the individual agrees to buy all of the community's *hametz*, effective on the morning of *erev Pesach* (this year, Friday April 22, because *Pesach* begins on Saturday night) and s/he has until

20 minutes after *Passover* ends to come up with the remainder of the purchase price (some large, arbitrary sum). If the purchaser fails to produce this sum by the end of the holiday, the entire sale is null and void—the *hametz* reverts to its original owners, and the purchaser's deposit is returned.

And what happens to the rest of the monies collected from the sellers (above the amount initially gifted to the purchaser of the *hametz*)? They are used for charitable gifts to the needy to allow them to properly celebrate the holiday.

Chag Same'ach!

Kenneth A. Stern
Rabbi

Our Individual "Sparks"



As we prepare for our April 2 *Shabbat* Morning Music Service, "The Musical Spark of Our Heritage," which is dedicated to our Park Avenue Synagogue theme for this year, I have been marveling at the programs already taking place and at some new possibilities that have begun to open up in our congregational community.

This inspires me to offer a thought about "gifts" we might present to ourselves when we come to *shul* and participate in study and prayer. I invite you to *think* about the experience—what it can mean for each of you through awareness of your individual "spark"—and how it enhances the collective spirit of our congregation.

Let us reflect on that which motivates us to come to *shul*. Is it the feeling that we *should* go, or that we look forward to going? What do we *seek* in this experience? Is

it, perhaps the fellowship of friends? Do we want to "feel" good? Do we wish to bring our lives and daily experiences into a closer relationship with God? Do we want to stimulate our thinking by learning from the Rabbi's sermon or from the Torah reading? Do we wish to listen to the music and texts of the *Siddur* and ponder their significance for us at that moment? Can we gain meaning and "spirit" from joining in enthusiastic singing?

All of the above can be valuable for connecting our lives to the values and treasures of our Jewish heritage. I also believe each of these can help us come closer to that "spark" within us—to appreciate our gifts from God and our potential, and to realize that we are able to experience *closeness to God*.

A related idea occurred to me while studying a portion of the *Zohar* ["The Book of Splendor," a literary collection of midrashic teachings from medieval Spain] at a remarkable rabbinic-cantorial spirituality retreat I attended in mid-January.

Deeply involved in the wisdom of the book, I was astonished by the paradoxical realization that the scholarly characters, traveling on a journey, could find their closest connection to God by studying together at night in a place that was quiet, safe, and free of any outside distractions. Anguish or stress created a barrier that would make such a "communion" untenable. Then I thought of our own world and culture. We have a saying that *there are no atheists in the trenches of warfare*, or when facing immediate mortal danger. And, conversely in our society, when we are successful, affluent, and enjoying luxurious comforts, we often lose our connection to God. We tend to seek different kinds of stimulations and joys that, somehow, may fail to give us comfort, peace or satisfaction.

Obviously our world is so unlike that which our rabbinic leaders knew centuries ago. Yet, so much of human nature remains constant, century after century. I think we can learn much from the scholarly sages of the past whose deep concentration on Torah study was intended to elevate their human qualities. Perhaps our becoming more aware of the "spark" that connects us to the wonderful values of our Tradition may enable us to come closer to the intentions of our prayers and rituals. By practicing our religious connections daily, we help enhance our ability to cope with the unforeseen. This may be a gift we can learn from the above model of the *Zohar*!

David H. Lefkowitz
Cantor

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Come and Hear "The Musical Spark of Our Heritage"



Our congregation's theme for this year is focusing on the "pillars" of Jewish life that unite our present with our past.

Therefore, we will explore some of the diverse roots of Jewish music at our Sarah, Samuel and George M. Shapiro

Memorial Annual *Shabbat* Morning Music Service on **Saturday, April 2 at 9:00 am** (note start time). Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson have prepared music for the occasion that reflects the long development of our musical liturgy, created over a period of many centuries, by Jews from different countries and cultures.

The essence of *Shabbat*, as expressed in our prayers, has enabled Jews throughout the ages to achieve a renewal of calmness and mindfulness. Experiencing the tranquility of *Shabbat* puts us back in touch with the creative forces that shape life and allow us to appreciate the blessing of life.

The music for *Shabbat* liturgy, whether ancient or modern, is a force that interrupts the frenzy of our daily lives and gently turns our thoughts to the savoring of time, family and joy. The rich legacy includes Sephardic, Middle-Eastern, Western and

Eastern-European, together with our contemporary American traditions, and demonstrates that religious authenticity cannot be equated with one unchanging musical form. While our cultural tapestry is indeed varied, our Judaism binds us all as one people through the language of prayer.

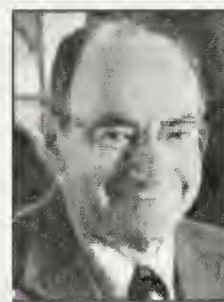
We live in an age of great shifts and changes, violence and uncertainty, as well as spiritual yearning and potential. This service is aimed at transcending the origins of the music, so that we might experience a journey through our collective Jewish world of religious creativity and spirit.

Our Congregational Singers and Synagogue Concert Choir, conducted by Neil Robinson, will join our cantors in this special service. The festive occasion will also be highlighted by the participation and celebration accompanying the *Bat Mitzvah* of Nicole Marlin. Congregants of all ages are invited to bring family and friends to join in the inspiration of this community experience.

A festive *Kiddush* honoring the participating artists will follow the service. This musical occasion is made possible each spring by the generosity of Mrs. Rita Shapiro and her daughter, Karen Spector.



Seminary Shabbat



In celebration of the close connection between Park Avenue Synagogue and the Jewish Theological Seminary and in recognition of the

importance of J.T.S. to our synagogue, all are invited to our annual Seminary *Shabbat* Service honoring J.T.S.

Chancellor Dr. Ismar Schorsch, on **Saturday, April 9 at 9:15 am**. Dr. Schorsch will speak to the congregation during the *Shabbat* morning service. You won't want to miss Dr. Schorsch's inspiring words.

Evening Book Discussion Group

On **Monday, April 4 at 8:00 pm**, Pat Davidson will lead a lively discussion of *Foiglmán*, by Aharon Megged.

P.A.S. Arms

WEG: Spend Sunday on the Lower East Side

WEG invites all congregants to spend **Sunday April 3**, on the Lower East Side. Meet at 9:45 am at the Visitors' Center of the Tenement Museum at 90 Orchard Street to learn the story of two Jewish families and their connection to the garment industry. Then enjoy a guided tour of the Eldridge Street Synagogue, and an optional lunch at Noah's Arc, a kosher restaurant. Four hours of free parking is provided at the lot on Broome Street between Norfolk and Suffolk Streets. RSVP to Irene Sommerfeld (212) 722-2721. The cost of the tour is \$18.

Celebrate Passover at P.A.S.

- CS Pre-Pesach Hametz Drive begins on April 4.
- Young Couples Group visits a Matzah Factory on April 17.
- CS Model Seders on April 18, 19, 20
- Congregational First Seder* on April 23, 8:30 pm, conducted by Cantor David Lefkowitz, accompanied by Neil Robinson.
- Congregational Second Seder* on April 24, 8:30 pm, conducted by Rabbi David H. Lincoln.

*Reservations required by April 1.

Before the Stork Arrives: A Class for Expectant Parents

Spend a calm, leisurely hour on **Thursday, April 7 at 8:00 pm** with Rabbi Kenneth Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon haben* before you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn. To register, please call Naomi Lipnick in Rabbi Stern's office, at (212) 369-2600 ext. 121, or email nlipnick@pasyn.com.

Sisterhood: Come and Discuss a Good Book

The discussion of *Kaaterskill Falls*, a novel by Allegra Goodman, has been rescheduled for **Monday, April 4 at 11:00 am.**

Sisterhood: Vicki Wimpfheimer Memorial Lecture

Judaism has a rich tradition of law, custom, and ritual. Rabbi David Lincoln will explore this tradition when he gives the last in this year's series of Vicki Wimpfheimer Memorial Lectures on **Tuesday, April 5 at 11:00 am.** His theme will be "What Does Judaism Say About...?" Coffee and cake will be served at 10:30 am. These lectures are sponsored by the Sisterhood in memory of an outstanding leader of our Synagogue. All members of P.A.S. are invited to hear Rabbi Lincoln and enjoy the refreshments.

Sisterhood: Enjoy a Guided Tour at The Jewish Museum

From the 18th century through the mid-1940s, various wealthy, cultured women ran salons in Europe and the U.S., where the latest ideas about art, music, literature and theater were discussed. On **Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00 pm**, join Sisterhood for a trip to The Jewish Museum to see a major new exhibition, "The Power of Conversation: Jewish Women and their Salons." All are welcome. Meet the Sisterhood group in the lobby of the Museum.



Men's Club: All Ages Are Invited for Shabbat Dinner & Great Music

The Men's Club *Shabbat* Service and Dinner on **Friday April 15** will be a special treat for adults and students alike. Avraham Infeld, president of Hillel and an inspiring speaker, will address the challenges facing Jewish students on campuses internationally; he has energized students across the country to seek a better understanding of their Jewish heritage

Holocaust Survivor Sam E. Bloch to Speak on Yom Hashoah

by Menachem Z. Rosensaft, President, Park Avenue Synagogue

On May 4 at 6:00 pm, we will observe *Yom Hashoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day, as a community. I hope that all of us will join together in our sanctuary that evening to participate in one of the most important and meaningful religious services on the Jewish calendar.

Most victims of the Holocaust perished together with their entire families, leaving no one alive to say *Kaddish* for them. Each one of us bears the responsibility to ensure that all those Jewish men, women and children who were annihilated anonymously, whose ashes are scattered across the graveyards of European Jewry, remain forever in our prayers and our collective consciousness.

On May 4, we will be privileged to listen to one of the most prominent leaders of the survivors of the Holocaust, Sam E. Bloch. Born in Ivye, Lithuania, into a prominent Zionist family, Sam was 15 years old when the war broke out. His father, an educator and one of the prominent leaders of the town's Jewish community, was murdered by the Germans on *Tishah b'Av* in 1941. Sam, who was active in the ghetto's resistance movement, rescued scores of relatives and neighbors during the killing actions. With the liquidation of the ghetto imminent, he escaped into the forests together with his mother and younger brother

where they joined a group of Jewish partisans. For the next three years, he fought the Germans, all the while protecting his mother and brother. In 1945, they made their way to the Displaced Persons camp of Bergen-Belsen in Germany, where Sam soon became the youngest member of the Jewish Committee that sparked the rebirth of Jewish life out of the ashes of the destruction and advanced the political struggle to create the State of Israel. In Bergen-Belsen, he met, fell in love with, and married another young survivor, Lilly Czaban. In 1949, they immigrated to New York where their two daughters, my wife, Jeanie, and her sister, Gloria, were born. Sam became a prominent leader of the Zionist movement in the United States, and is president of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations and Senior Vice President of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

I urge all members of Park Avenue Synagogue to become witnesses to the witnesses of the *Shoah* by listening to Sam's personal account and learning how a young man in his teens and early twenties resisted the Nazis and helped rebuild the Jewish people. On May 4, may Sam Bloch's memories become a part of ours. The evening will continue with a showing of the film, *Paperclips*.

(including via participation in "Birthright Israel") and to apply their values positively in the community. In addition, the Yale *cappella* group known as *Magevet*, which charmed our congregation two years ago with Jewish/Israeli songs, will again perform for us. To make the evening even more special, the Men's Club will pick up the cost of the dinner for all students from *Bar Mitzvah* age and up, whether enrolled in the P.A.S. High School or not, \$35 p/p for others. Let's make this special "Spark Within Us" *Shabbat* a family affair! Please call the Synagogue for reservations.

WEG: Honoring Women Rabbis

Join WEG/Met Branch WLCJ on **Monday, April 18 at 7:30 pm** for refreshments, followed by an exciting, and informative video, *And the Gates Opened-Women in the*

Rabbinate, at 8:00 pm. This video commemorates 20 years of Conservative Women Rabbis. It has been shown all over the country and on PBS to wonderful press. This could interest men as well as women.

Tikkun Olam: Committee for Community Outreach Food Drives

This year, the *Tikkun Olam* Committee in conjunction with City Harvest/Met Council on Jewish Poverty Kasher Initiative, is sponsoring its annual Kasher for Passover and *Hametz* (Not Kasher for Passover) Food Drives. Please drop off non-perishable food donations at P.A.S. on the following dates: Kasher for Passover, Wednesday, April 6 to Wednesday, April 13; *hametz*, Wednesday, April 6 to Thursday, April 21.

Synagogue Family

April B'nai Mitzvah

Nicole Marlin April 2, 2005



Nicole Marlin has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since she entered the Early Childhood Center at the age of three, and she has continued in The Congregational School since kindergarten.

Nicole attends the New York City Lab School for Collaborative Studies, where she is in seventh grade. Her favorite subjects are science and humanities, and she especially enjoys creative writing.

Extracurricular activities include basketball, swimming and theatre. This summer Nicole will attend French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts where she looks forward to participating in musical theatre. Her past roles have been in *Grease*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, and she is currently in *Guys and Dolls*, which will be presented by the Yorkville Theatre Group this month.

Nicole will be chanting from *Haftorah Parah*, the story of the Jews who were exiled from Israel by the Babylonians after the destruction of the First Temple. The prophet Ezekiel gives the Israelites hope of returning home and purification of G-d's name.

Nicole wishes to thank the clergy and teachers along with her family for their guidance and support in preparation for her *Bat Mitzvah*.

Sara Danielle Muchnick April 9, 2005

Sara was named at Park Avenue Synagogue, which she has attended ever since. She began her education at the Early Childhood Center, continued through The Congregational School, and will go on to

the High School next year. Sara's Jewish education continues through her summers at Camp Ramah, which she has loved since she was five, first in Nyack and then in the Berkshires.

Sara is in the seventh grade at Riverdale Country School, where she excels in biology, Spanish, creative writing, and art. She has many out-of-school passions, including spending quality time with her many friends, instant messaging, going to Broadway musicals, skiing, swimming,



and word games, especially Boggle and Jotto.

The *Torah* portion at Sara's *Bat Mitzvah* will be *Tazria*, but because her *Bat Mitzvah* falls on a special *Shabbat*, *Shabbat HaChodesh*, her *Maftir* is from *Bo*. Sara's *Maftir* tells of preparation for the first Passover, and gives instructions concerning the celebration of subsequent Passovers—particularly apt because *Pesach* is one of Sara's favorite holidays.

Brandon Powers April 16, 2005



Brandon Powers has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since his attendance at the Early Childhood Center. He has continued his Jewish education at The Congregational School.

Brandon attends school at the Anderson Middle School Program on the West Side, where he participates in the Debate Club. He enjoys playing baseball each spring. He also enjoys Broadway theatre and the performing arts; he is an integral member of the 92nd Street Y's hip-hop dance group, Fresh Y Crew, which performs all over the City. He also attends a performing arts camp, French Woods, in upstate New York.

Brandon is looking forward to his *Bar Mitzvah*. The lesson of the *Haftorah*, *M'tzora*, is about recognizing when you are doing

wrong, and taking corrective action. Brandon is grateful to the clergy and his teachers for preparing him for his *Bar Mitzvah*.

With Pride and Congratulations

P.A.S. extends a hearty mazel tov to:

- Jennifer Altman & Maurice Edelson, on the birth of their son, Nathaniel on February 27.
- Nancy and Alan Block, on the birth of Eadin Matthew, grandson of Joan and Martin Levenson, and great-grandson of the late Mildred Levine Finkel.
- Odellia & Richard Fischer, on the birth of their daughter, Gabriella, on February 22.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mrs. Alice L. Kulick, Mr. & Ms. David Lederkramer, Mr. & Mrs. Eliot Relles, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sassower, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schwartz, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Silverstein, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Tycher, Mr. David Wermuth & Ms. Jennifer Kroman.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

- Josephine L. Berger-Nadler, on the passing of her husband, Dr. Moses Leon Canick.
- Iolabee Berson, on the passing of her husband, Dr. Samuel L. Berson.
- Florence Edelstein, on the passing of her son, Jonathan Edelstein.
- The family of Harold Feld.
- Julian R. Geiger, on the passing of his wife, Jeanne.
- Barbara Kavee, on the passing of her mother, Anna Hochberg.
- Alvin B. Marks, on the passing of his wife, Elaine M. Marks.
- Jeffrey A. Palca, on the passing of his mother, Rosalind Palca.

Jewish Life and Learning

Adult Study and Learning

To register, please call Sarah Gribetz at (212) 36-2600, ext. 142.

***Starred classes cost \$25 for member; \$40 for non-members.



Evenings of Learning at the Rothschild

Thursdays, April 7 & June 2; Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Join us for wonderful evenings of study exploring "The Spark Within Me: A Night of Jewish Experiences" with Rabbi Dawn Rose, Sarah Gribetz, a member of our clergy, and a special guest teacher. We will meet as small groups on different interpretations of one topic per session, and come together for coffee and discussion in the Library afterward.

***Ancient Israel

Tuesdays, April 5 & 12, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm

Rabbi Joseph Brodie, instructor

The Wisdom and folly of Solomon; the Division of the Monarchy into the reign of the wicked Ahab and Jezebel; the rise of Elijah, a mystical prophet.

Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism, but Were Afraid To Ask

Wednesdays, 10:30 am-11:30 am

Sarah Gribetz, Instructor

Join us for this informal study group. Bring your questions, curiosity, interest in learning about home rituals and practice, Jewish history and customs and intriguing conversation with fellow congregants. All levels welcome.

Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln

Tuesdays, 8:00 am

Tuesday Topics

Tuesdays, 11:00 am - Noon
Rabbi Kenneth Stern

The Spark Within Us: An Interview With a P.A.S. Congregant



"...having a strong Jewish foundation is the key to everything for me — keeping a kosher home, knowing how to pray, being familiar with our traditions.... This enables me to feel confident as a Jew wherever I go in the world. It is so easy for us to become intimidated by our rituals and then scared away from being Jewish. I feel blessed that I am able to pass along being Jewish to my daughter; it gives me the strength to live my life, that I can pass on our traditions with such conviction. — Wendy Slavin



Hebrew for Beginners

Tuesdays, 6:45 pm-7:30 pm

Sarah Gribetz, instructor

Focus on developing *siddur* (prayer book) reading and comprehension skills.

Women on the Verge

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am

Renee Ghert-Zand, instructor

Lunch N' Learn

Thursdays, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Instructors rotate among the clergy and staff. Coffee and lunch, 11:00-Noon; study and conversation, Noon-1:00 pm

Family Education/ Kehillah

Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 8, 5:15 pm-6:00 pm

Join Jody Prusan and members of the clergy at this Friday evening service for toddlers & pre-school aged children, parents, grandparents and friends.

Rinah U'Tefilah: A Joyous Service of Song and Prayer

Friday, April 8, 6:15 pm, followed by a festive *Kiddush*

Come join us at this service that provides a spiritual bridge from the hectic pace of the week to the serenity of *Shabbat*. Celebrate through song, prayer and contemplation what Heschel calls "holiness in time".

Create Your Own Miriam's Cup

Sunday, April 10, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Ellen Alt and Sarah Gribetz, instructors
A Creative Art Workshop for Mothers, Daughters and Granddaughters (men welcome too!) for 3rd graders & up. Text study combines with art instruction as we learn about this new ritual for the Passover

Seder. You will learn the history of the tradition, and design and create a Miriam's Cup for your own Seder.

Storytelling in the Rothschild Library

by Rabbi Dawn Rose, Library Director

Who put the bagels in the Ark and why did they disappear? What happened to the littlest frog when all the other frogs hopped out of Pharaoh's palace, leaving him behind? The only way to answer these and countless other questions you never thought about before is to bring your young children to the Rothschild Library for



Jacob Rosensweig and Daniel Heffgott, regulars at the Thursday storytime in the Rothschild Library with Rabbi Rose.

storytelling with Rabbi Rose. The questions may seem nonsensical, but the stories and songs teach Jewish values and culture in a way that captivates and delights. And afterward it's always fun to hang out in our *Just My Size* Children's Library

Corner. New to our growing collection are dozens of Jewish board books for tots, the Family Education Collection now available for use, and circulation from the Rothschild Library. Story times for children 3-5 years are Tuesdays at 2:15 and Thursdays at 5:30. Come join us!

What a Celebration! The 1st

Almost 250 people gathered at Park Avenue Synagogue on Saturday evening, February 26, for an unforgettable evening of food, fun, and fellowship, in honor of Marcia and Geoffrey Colvin and in support of our Synagogue. We danced, we ate, we drank and we mingled with friends in a wonderful spirit of community. None of this could have taken place without the hard work of our chairs and their committee:

Co-Chairs

Susan Edelstein
Nancy Hirschtritt

Journal Co-Chairs

Jena Berlinski
Susan Silverman
Harvey Schulweis

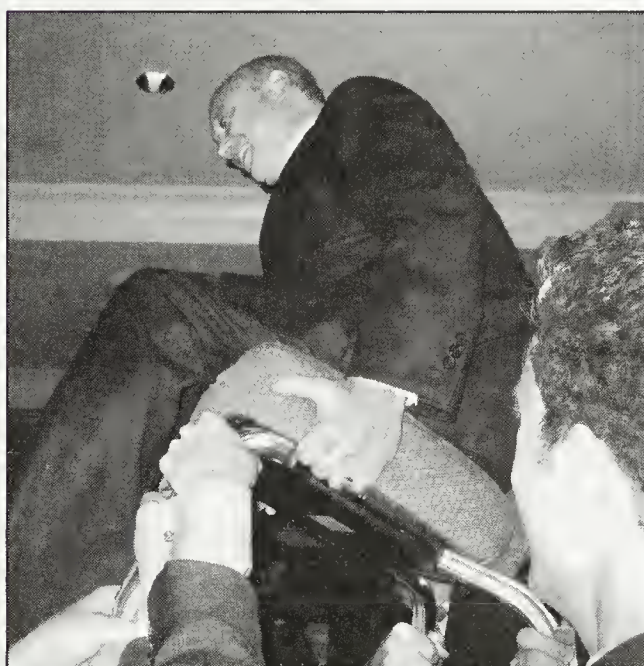
Committee

Cantor Nancy Abramson
& Mitch Glenn
Jena & Milton Berlinski
Amy & Robert Bressman
Beryl P. Chernov
Nadine Habousha &
Edward P. Cohen
Phyllis & Arthur Colvin
Anne & Paul Corwin
Darcy & Allen Dalton
Laurie & James
Davidowitz
Joanne & Morton Davis
Susan & David Edelstein
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Cheri & Steven
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Grunfeld
Lynn & Martin
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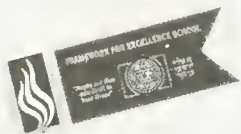
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Annual P.A.S. Gala Benefit



News From Our Schools



Congregational School

by Renee Ghert-Zand, Education Director

"God Is a High Top Shoe"

Our students in the *Gimel* through *Vav* grades recite and sing *tefillot* (prayers) beautifully every *Shabbat* in Junior Congregation. Through practice and study, using the *S'fatai Tiftach* curriculum and the *siddur* (prayer book), the children learn to read the prayers correctly and to identify key concepts in them.

It is often noticed that our students make colorful covers for their *siddurim*. However, what one may fail to realize is that the covers are not merely beautiful decorations for the prayer books. Rather,



Our students develop a positive relationship to tefillot and Torah from the youngest ages.

each student's cover is personally meaningful, depicting a metaphor for God chosen by him or her.

In a theology workshop I do with the *Gimel* students, we learn about metaphoric language, examine

metaphors in the *adon olam* prayer, and discuss why humans use metaphoric language to speak about and relate to God. The highlight of the workshop is my reading to the students the picture book, *In God's Name* by Sandy Sasso, which brilliantly conveys the idea of metaphoric

language for God in a way that is very clear and accessible to children. Directly following my session with the students, they write and sketch their own metaphors for God. Later in art class with Ellen Alt, they use water colors to transfer their metaphors to their *siddur* covers. The completed and laminated covers are affixed to their *siddurim*, which are officially presented to them by the

Daled students at the annual *Gimel & Daled* Friday evening service.

Many children choose metaphors that can be found in the traditional liturgy, which is fine since these metaphors speak to them (as they obviously did to the compilers of the *siddur*, as well). Others tend to be more creative and imaginative. I am always amazed by the depth and sophistication of some of the metaphors for God that eight year-olds come up with. My favorite metaphor by a child this age goes like this: "God to me is like a high top shoe, because a high top shoe protects your toes and your ankles, and God protects you. Once I was wearing a shoe that did not cover my ankle and I tripped and I sprained my ankle. It was like God was not hanging on to me." Out of the mouth of babes....

April Dates To Remember

- Monday, April 4 – Thursday, April 21 –** Pre-Pesach hametz drive for City Harvest, led by *Gimel & Daled* students
- Tuesday, April 5 –** Pesach candy distribution
- Thursday, April 7 –** The Next Step – Open House for parents of students graduating from P.A.S. ECC & other families interested in enrolling in our Congregational School, 6:30 pm.
- Friday, April 8 –** Kabbalat Shabbat service & dinner for *Gimel & Daled* families, featuring *Gimel siddur* ceremony.
- Saturday, April 9 –** Shabbat classes for *Hay & Vav* students (*Gimel & Daled* students excused).
- Saturday, April 9 –** Nitzanim Shabbat service, required for *Gan, Alef, Bet & MATAN rishon* students A-G, 11:00 am.
- Tuesday, April 12 –** Vav visit to The Jewish Museum
- Wednesday, April 13 –** Hay visit to The Jewish Museum
- Saturday, April 16 –** Shabbat B'yachad, required for all *Gimel-Vav* students and parents, 10:00 am, followed by a performance by *Magevet* at 11:00 am.
- Saturday, April 16 –** Nitzanim Shabbat service, required for *Gan, Alef, Bet & MATAN rishon* students H-Q, 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, April 18 –** Bet model seder (parents invited)
- Tuesday, April 19 –** Gan model seder (parents invited); Vav & MATAN sheni seders (students only).
- Wednesday, April 20 –** Daled & Hay model seders (students only).
- Thursday, April 21 –** Alef & MATAN rishon model seder (parents invited); *Gimel* model seder (students only).
- Saturday, April 23-Saturday, April 30 –** NO SCHOOL – Pesach break.

THE NEXT STEP...

Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School invites the parents of graduating P.A.S.ECC students to join us for an

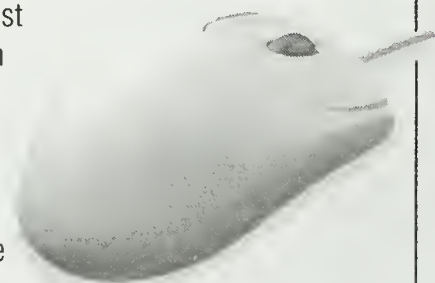
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RSVP by April 1, 2005
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Light refreshments will be served
Application packets will be available

P.A.S. Is Just a Click Away

Spend a few minutes at Park Avenue Synagogue's website, www.pasyn.org. Get the latest information on events, programs, classes, meetings, etc. See the Synagogue calendar. Sign up for email groups. Communicate with our clergy and staff.



Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

by Lisa Samick

High School and Youth Programs

With *Pesach* almost upon us, it is hard to believe that another school year will soon come to a close.

Having Hillel President Avram Infeld with us for *Shabbat* dinner this month (see page 5 for details) is an amazing opportunity – both for our students and parents to hear and also for us to reflect on our school as an institution.

Inevitably, we have to look at any High School experience as one that is preparation for the next big step. And what is that next step? Well, other than the obvious answers, it is the first time most young people have to make conscious (and unconscious)

decisions about what role Judaism plays in their life. What will his/her Jewish identity be? And what we, as a community, have to wrestle with is how do we prepare them to answer that question in a Jewishly-informed and -driven way.

For a long time, Hillel's mantra was "Jews doing Jewish things with other Jews" – former President Richard Joel used that line as a catchment for all programming that happened under the auspices of that organization. Actually, it is not so different from what we do at P.A.S. Programming on the 4th floor is geared around several basic themes: learning, community-building and *tikkun olam*. Each aspect of our calendar relates to one of these three things in an effort to create a living Jewish laboratory where our students can experiment with different aspects of Judaism – both as

a religion and as a culture. Hopefully, by the time they leave us they will be prepared to answer the question, "What about being Jewish is meaningful to me?" and we will be able to direct them to further explore that answer on their college campus.

I hope that all of our High School students and families – particularly those students in the upper grades – will join me at the dinner on April 15 to hear Mr. Infeld's perspective on being Jewish at college. Together, we can use that as a jumping-off point for continuing the conversation of how the High School can better prepare students for being at college. To make the evening even more special, the P.A.S. Men's Club will cover the cost of the dinner for all High School students.

April Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with April birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, April 15 at 6:15 pm.** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

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High School Fund

Mrs. Roxana Tetenbaum, in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Sobie.

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Barbara & Lou Bernstein, in honor of their anniversary.

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Dr. & Mrs. Louis Vogel, in honor of Morton Kinzler's birthday.

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Kol Nidre Appeal

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Mrs. Helene Agress, in honor of the birthdays of Ellen and Bill Harrow.

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Mrs. Patricia Fuchs.

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her beloved aunt, Estelle Kratka.

Rose & Jack Less, in honor of their 65th anniversary.

Synagogue Offerings

Continued from March Bulletin:

Mr. Bernard Elkies, in memory of his beloved father, Louis Elkies.

Mrs. Fran Evans, in memory of her beloved husband, Melvin I. Evans.

Mrs. Estelle Florence, in memory of her beloved husband, Morris Lee Florence.

The Frank Families, the Druces and Kapits, in honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of Rose and Jack Less.

Mr. Frederick M. Friedman, in memory of his beloved father, Abraham H. Friedman.

Mrs. Ruth Fuhrman, in memory of her beloved brother-in-law, Leonard Fuhrman.

Mrs. Carole Y. Gliedman, in memory of her beloved brother, Stuart Freeman.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved sister, Shirley Joselow.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved husband, Bertram Schwartz.

Mr. William Gorin, in memory of his beloved mother, Deborah Gorin.

Mr. Ernest Gottschalk, in honor of his birthday. Herta & Ernie Gottschalk, in memory of Joe Modlin,

father of Barrie Modlin.

Mr. David R. Greenbaum, in memory of his beloved father, Walter Greenbaum.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Greenberg, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. Charles Greenberg, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Greenberg, in memory of Herman Baskind.

Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of his beloved mother, May Heller.

Mr. & Mrs. Leon I. Heller, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Susan Heller, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Della Honig, in memory of her beloved mother, Ann Reinkraut.

Mrs. Carol Hyman, in memory of her former husband, Seymour Schechter.

Mr. Stephen Judlowe, in memory of his beloved mother, Ida Judlowe.

Mr. Stephen Judlowe, in memory of his beloved father, Abram Judlowe.

Mr. & Mrs. David B. Julie, in memory of her beloved mother, Nettie Goodman.

Dr. & Mrs. Irwin Kantor, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Barbara Kaplan, in

memory of her beloved father, Dr. Abraham Isadore Fingerroth.

Mr. Howard Kaplan, in memory of his beloved father, Louis Kaplan.

Mrs. Marilyn Katz, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Greenberg.

Mr. & Mrs. Gershon Kekst, in memory of his beloved brother, Zalman Abraham Kekst.

Mrs. Sharon Kesselman, in memory of her beloved father, Herb Caplan.

Mrs. Gladys Kessler, in memory of her beloved brother, Bernard Bloomfield.

Ms. Linda Klempner, in memory of Lite Sabin's beloved mother, Maria Bielenberg.

Mrs. Roma Korris, in memory of her beloved father, Reverend Samuel Kantor.

Mr. Jason H.P. Kravitt, in memory of Irving Ronner, father of Dr. Hilary Ronner.

Mr. Harry Krieger, in honor of his birthday.

Ms. Stephanie G. Later, in memory of her beloved mother, Frances Later.

Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in memory of her beloved husband, Martin Leichtling.

Celebrating a *Simcha*?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc.?

Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning *Minyan*.

Call Lynn Schneider at the Synagogue for more information, (212) 369-2600.

Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in honor of her birthday.
 Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in memory of her beloved sister, Sarah Ehrenberg, on her *Yahrzeit*.
 Mrs. Linda Levine, in memory of her beloved mother, Rose Rothman.
 Mr. David Levitan, in honor of his birthday.
 Dr. Ann Lyons, in memory of her beloved mother, Gussie Moskowitz.
 Mrs. Ann Mann, in memory of her beloved mother, Ruth Pomeranz.
 Mrs. Natalie Marcus, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Freiman.
 Jimmy, Ellen, Ali, Carly & Jake Meisel, in memory of Maria Bielenberg, mother of Lite Sabin.
 Mark & Eileen Menis, in honor of the 60th birthday of Howard Muchnick.
 Murray & Rhoda Morrell, in honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of Jack & Rose Less.
 Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Barrie Modlin's father, Joe Modlin.
 Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved sister, Adelaide Prince.
 Mrs. Melanie Nasberg, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Clara Fisher.
 Mr. & Mrs. Julius Paige, in honor of their anniversary.
 Ms. Melita Peckman, in honor of Harvery Drachman's birthday.
 Dr. & Mrs. Walter Peretz, in honor of their anniversary.
 Ms. Laurie Ferber Podolsky, in memory of her beloved father, Leon Ferber.

Mrs. Sabena Rubinstein, in honor of her birthday.
 Mr. Sheldon Sachs, in memory of her beloved mother, Goldie Sachs.
 Mr. Richard Samuels, in memory of his beloved father, Jerome Samuels.
 Richard Samuels & Dr. Janet Weisberg, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Barasch.
 Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider, in memory of her beloved daughter, Barbara L. Schneider Bruckner.
 Melanie Schneider, in memory of Albert Stone, father of Steven Stone.
 Melanie Schneider, in memory of Joe Modlin, father of Barrie Modlin.
 Joan & Paul Schreiber, in memory of Jerry Silbert.
 Joan & Paul Schreiber, in memory of Albert Stone.
 Joan & Paul Schreiber, in memory of Maria Bielenberg.
 Mr. Harvey Schulweis, in memory of his beloved wife, Rosalind Schulweis.
 Susan & Larry Schuster, in honor of the 75th birthday of Stanley Kreinik.
 Ms. Susan Schwartz, in memory of her beloved brother, Michael Schwartz.
 Mr. Melvin L. Schweitzer, in memory of his beloved mother, Betty Schweitzer.
 Mrs. Rita Shapiro, in memory of her beloved brother-in-law, Ronald Ballin.
 Mr. Leo Silverstein, in memory of his beloved mother and father, Martha & Max Silverstein.
 Mrs. Laura D. Simon, in memory of her beloved husband, Howard Simon.

Mrs. Doris Siskin, in memory of her beloved mother, Jean Goldberg.
 Ms. Susan Smirnoff, in memory of her beloved mother, Barbara Smirnoff.
 Mr. Lawrence G. Soicher, in memory of Ernest Stern, father of Rabbi Kenneth Stern.
 Mr. Lawrence G. Soicher, in memory of Joe Modlin, father of Barrie Modlin.
 Mrs. Ina Stern, in memory of her beloved mother, Rhea Rosenthal.
 Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in memory of her beloved mother, Juliette Rosenblum Wahl.
 Mr. Edward M. Weinstein, in memory of his beloved mother, Carol Weinstein.
 Mrs. Ellen Yuder, in memory of her beloved mother, Edna Davidman.
 Amy & Scott Zemser & Family, in memory of Maria Bielenberg, mother of Lite Sabin.
 Mrs. Annette Zimmerman, in honor of her birthday.
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 Dr. John Abroon, in memory of his beloved grandmother, Touran Benhuri.
 Dr. John Abroon, in honor of his birthday.
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Adler, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Susan Amster, in memory of her beloved father, Ezra J. Denerstein.
 Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, in memory of her beloved brother, Louis Pakter.
 Gerald & Barbara Berg, in honor of Rose & Jack

Less's 65th anniversary.
 Mrs. Frances Berger, in memory of Jonathan Edelstein, son of Florence Edelstein.
 Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Anna Bernstein.
 Vivian & Danny Bernstein, in memory of Barrie Modlin's father, Joe Modlin.
 Mr. Morris E. Biederman, in memory of his beloved mother, Anna Yetta Biederman.
 Mrs. Lori Bilkis, in honor of her birthday.
 Mr. Maks Birnback, in honor of his birthday.
 Mrs. Sheri Bleustein, in honor of her birthday.
 Mrs. Sonia Breindel, in memory of her beloved son, Eric Breindel.
 Dr. & Dr. Manfred Brust, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mr. H. Paul Burak, in memory of his beloved brother, George Peter Burak.
 Mr. H. Paul Burak, in memory of his beloved mother, Bette Burak.
 Mrs. Carol Cohen, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Ida Phillips Cohen.
 Mrs. Fannie Cohen, in memory of her beloved husband, Samuel Cohen.
 Mr. Robert G. Cohen, in memory of his beloved father, Philip Cohen.
 Ms. Sherry Cohen, in memory of Jonathan Edelstein, son of Florence Edelstein.
 Mrs. Barbara Cooper, in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Berman.
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 Barbara Deer, Patricia Falco, Vivian Jennings & Edward Oritz, in memory of Ruth Pollack.
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 Ms. Hollis G. Dorman, in memory of her beloved father, Morris P. Dorman.
 Mr. Harvey Drachman, in memory of his beloved mother, Miriam Drachman.
 Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Drachman, in memory of their beloved son, Mark Drachman.
 Mrs. Suzanne Drachman, in memory of her beloved father, Leo Applebaum.
 Mrs. Rhoda Elkie, in memory of her beloved mother, Pauline Stopnik.
 Mrs. Harriet Feiweil, in honor of her birthday.
 Dr. Herbert Frommer, in memory of his beloved father, Benjamin Frommer.
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fruchtman, in honor of Rose & Jack Less's 65th anniversary.
 Mrs. Gail H. Furman, in memory of her beloved mother, Deborah Gorin.
 Mr. Clifford S. Gelf, in memory of his beloved father, Al Gelb.
 Mr. Harold Geringer, in memory of his beloved father, Nathan Geringer.
 Ms. Elaine Gilde, in memory of her beloved mother, Rena Gilde.
 Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved father, Hyman Gilbert.
 Mr. Abraham Goll, in memory of his beloved mother, Marcia Goll.
 Mrs. Elsie Z. Goll, in

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memory of her beloved mother, Rose Leviton.
 Herta & Ernest Gottschalk, in memory of Bella Brenner, mother of Michael Brenner.
 Herta & Ernest Gottschalk, in memory of Alex Raydon.
 Mr. Charles H. Greenberg, in memory of his beloved father, Herman Greenberg.
 Marilyn & Allen Greenberg, in memory of Sanford Saideman.
 Dr. Paul Grunfeld, in memory of his beloved mother, Hermine Grunfeld.
 Drs. Katherina & Paul Grunfeld, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mr. Brian S. Hermann, in memory of his beloved mother, Arlene Hermann.
 Mr. Fred H. Hill, in memory of his beloved mother, Ellen Hill Sherr.
 Dr. Basil Hyman, in memory of his beloved mother, Mattie Hyman.
 Dr. Basil Hyman, in memory of her beloved father, Abraham Hyman.
 Mrs. Carol Hyman, in memory of her beloved father, Martin Davis.
 Mr. Andrew Katz, in honor of his birthday.
 Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz, in honor of their anniversary.
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 Mr. Florence Lapidus, in memory of her beloved

mother and father, Anna & Samuel Schmerzler.
 Alexander & Lee Leon, in honor of Harry Krieger on his 92nd birthday.
 Alexander & Lee Leon, in honor of Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern for his prayers and kindnesses.
 Ms. Marian Levitt, in memory of Ernest Stern, father of Rabbi Stern.
 Ms. Marian Levitt, in memory of Maria Bielenberg, mother of Lite Sabin.
 Dr. Sylvia Liff, in memory of her beloved father, Isidore Barchenko.
 Ms. Eileen Lewis Lurin, in memory of her beloved mother, Esther F. Lewis.
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 Mr. Herbert Nadler, in memory of his beloved father, Jack Nadler.
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 Dr. Brian Pollack, in honor of his birthday.
 Dr. Hilary Ronner, in

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 Mr. & Mrs. William Sherman.
 Mrs. Esther Silver, in memory of her beloved uncle, Sigmund Hockmeyer.
 Mr. Joel Silver, in memory of his beloved mother, Fannie Silver.
 Ellen & Roger Sivlin, in honor of Rose & Jack Less's 65th wedding anniversary.
 JoAnn & David Small, in memory of Albert Stone, father of Steven Stone.
 Dr. & Mrs. Philip Snell, in honor of their anniversary.
 Ms. Irene Sommerfeld, in memory of her beloved father, Herman Sommerfeld.
 Dr. & Mrs. Martin Spergel, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Bernice Tannenbaum, in memory of her beloved father, Isadore Franklin.
 Mr. Edward Toledano, in memory of his beloved father, Joseph Toledano.
 Mrs. Karla Toledano, in memory of her beloved mother, Sylvia Sloves.
 Helene & Marvin Torker, in memory of Gertrude Sheft, with love and respect.
 Mr. Marvin Torker, in honor

of his birthday.
 Mrs. Nancy Treiger, in memory of her beloved father, Martin Davis.
 Kate Tucker, in honor of Rose & Jack Less's 65th anniversary.
 WEG, in memory of Lite Sabin's mother, Maria Bielenberg.
 Dr. Howard Weiner, in memory of his beloved mother-in-law, Estelle Lifton.
 Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her beloved mother, Gussie G. Winkelman.
 Mrs. Laure Zacharias, in memory of her beloved father, Arthur Zivy.
 Mrs. Phyllis Zilkha, in honor of her birthday.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for APRIL 2005

THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY Schedule of Hours: Mondays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 12:30 pm to 8:30 pm		REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM (except where noted) Monday - Friday at 7:15 am Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am <i>Minha</i> : Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 pm Saturdays April 2, 9, 16 and 30 6:00 pm; April 23, 7:45		ECC=Early Childhood Center CS=Congregational School CS-PA=Congregational School Parents' Association HS= Rabbi Judah Nadich High School	1 6:02 pm Light Candles 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	2 Annual Shabbat Morning Music Service 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:00 am (note start time) Sanctuary Music Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am Nitzanim
3 9:45 am WEG Visit to the Lower East Side	4 ECC Classes Resume CS Pre-Pesach Charity Hametz Drive Begins 11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion 7:30 pm WEG Board Meeting 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	5 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 11:00 am V. Wimpfheimer Memorial Lecture 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm The Next Step Open House 7:00 pm Beginners' Hebrew Class 8:00 pm Ancient Israel Class	6	7 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 6:30 pm CS Open House or ECC Parents 7:00 pm Evening at the Rothschild 8:00 pm Before the Stork	8 5:15 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 pm Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service CS Gimel & Daled Shabbat Dinner* 7:09 pm Light Candles	9 Seminary Shabbat 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service-Speaker Ismar Schorsch 10:00 am Junior Congregation 10:30 am Teen Minyan 11:00 am Nitzanim
10 10:00 am Miriam's Cup Art Workshop	11	12 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 1:00 pm Sisterhood Visit to The Jewish Museum 6:15 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 7:00 pm Beginners' Hebrew Class 7:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah Meeting for Hay Parents 8:00 pm Ancient Israel Class	13 10:00 am Adult Women on the Verge... Class 10:30 am Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism... Class 6:30 pm Education Committee Meeting	14 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 6:00 pm ECC Spring Benefit	15 Children's Birthday Service 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm Men's Club Shabbat Dinner-Speaker Avraham Infeld & Magevet* 7:16 pm Light Candles	16 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am CS Shabbat B'yachad 11:00 am Nitzanim 11:00 am Magevet Performance
17 Young Couples Group Visit to Matzah Factory	18 4:00 pm CS Model Seders 7:30 pm WEG Meeting	19 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 4:00 pm CS Model Seders	20 4:00 pm CS Model Seders	21 Last Day of CS Classes Fast of the Firstborn 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn Search for Hametz After Dark	22 ECC Passover Break Begins 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:24 pm Light Candles	23 First Seder 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 8:25 pm Light Candles 8:30 pm Congregational First Seder*
24 First Day of Passover Second Seder 7:30 am Hashkama 9:15 am Service 7:45 pm Minha 8:25 pm Light Candles 8:30 pm Congregational Second Seder*	25 Second Day of Passover Synagogue Offices Closed 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Service 5:45 pm Minha	26 Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00 am Service 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern	27 Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00 am Service	28 Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00 am Service 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	29 Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00 am Service 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:31 pm Light Candles	30 Seventh Day of Passover 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Food Pantry Shabbat Sanctuary Service & Kiddush 9:30 am Havurah Service 8:31 pm Light Candles

*Reservation required

All information is subject to change. Please confirm with the Synagogue office.

A Look Ahead

Sisterhood's Exploration of Yiddish

Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00 pm
As part of its celebration of "The Spark Within Us" theme at P.A.S., Sisterhood will continue its examination of Yiddish culture with a showing and discussion of the film, *Yiddish Theater in America: The Golden Age of Second Avenue*.

Sisterhood Daytime Book Discussion

Monday, May 23
at 11:00 am

We will discuss *The New Rabbi*, a memoir by Stephen Fried.



J.T.S. Garden Party

Tuesday, May 10
Celebrate the close connection between J.T.S and P.A.S.
Watch for details.

WEG Exhibit and Talk on Jews in the FSU

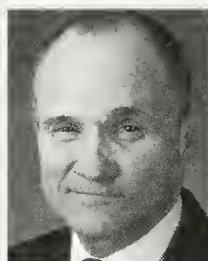
Monday, May 23,
7:30 pm

Talented photographer and speaker, Sharon Faulkner, will show her photographs and speak on her travels among the Jews of the former Soviet Union.

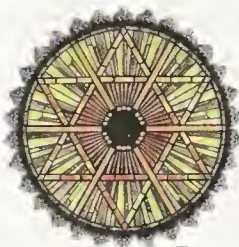
SAVE THE DATE!

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly To Speak at WEG Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, May 13, 6:15 pm



All are invited to the Women's *Shabbat* Service and to the congregational dinner following services, when New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly will speak and answer questions. Commissioner Kelly has spent 31 years in the NYC Police Department, serving in 25 different commands; he served as Police Commissioner from 1992 to 1994 before being appointed to this position again by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Mr. Kelly has also served as Commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service and as Under Secretary for Enforcement at the U.S. Treasury Department, as well as on the executive committee and as Vice President for the Americas of Interpol, the international police organization. Mr. Kelly holds a B.B.A. from Manhattan College, a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, an L.L.M. from New York University Graduate School of Law and an M.P.A. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dinner reservations must be made by May 6—call the Synagogue office.



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